

SUBJECTS.

town, had a bend at its turn to the west. The bend was very dangerous, and, owing to the strong current, boats could not be safely taken along and many valuable lives and property were being lost. Another impediment was the dilapidated condition of the bridges on the roadway to Kayencolam, which made it impossible for loaded carts to pass over them and consequently goods had to be carried by men by head-loads. The condition of the roads in Kayencolam was so miserable that, during the rainy season, the roads were impassable, as water stagnated. To remedy these evils, the Member suggested the following works for the consideration of the Government:—

- (1) Removal of the river bend on the south-east corner of the market;
- (2) Erection of four landing ghauts on the river banks;
- (3) Repair of four bridges on the roads leading to the market;
- (4) Sloping of the roads in the market to admit of proper drainage and to prevent inconvenience to the public by the stagnation of water;
- (5) Widening and metalling of a lane leading to the Kayencolam canal through the western side of the market.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

85. Improvement of a village road in Mavelikara.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) said that there was a village road running southward from Kotupuzhakal through the Pallickal and Thamarakulam villages from near the 4th mile of the Kayencolam-Punalur road to Thazhava in the Karunagappalli taluk. The road was very sandy and quite useless for traffic and that was the only road for carrying manure and other requisites of agriculture for about 60 square miles of paddy land fit only for *virippu* cultivation. All the produce of this area had to be brought by head loads through this road. The Member therefore requested that the road might be improved and made cartable.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

86. Improvement of the canal from the Mavelikara Arattukadavu to the Thodiyil backwater.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) said that the canal from Mavelikara Arattukadavu to the Thodiyil backwater was formerly fit for navigation, but had now become narrow and silted up. At present, it was not useful either for irrigation or as a means of communication. The necessity for deepening this canal had been represented at the two previous Assemblies, but nothing